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2.	With regard to the <b>elements</b> of the international application, this report is based on (replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report):				
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1. Reference is made to the following documents:

D1: US-A-4 691 870

D2: US-A-5 632 000

D3: US-A-3 803 468

D4: US-A-3 585 476

D5: US-A-3 582 744

D6: JP-11-225891 (A1)

2. D6, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes all the features of the preamble of claim 1.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from this known electric household appliance for preparing food by virtue of the features of the characterising part.

The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can be considered to be that of reducing excessive power consumption and unwanted acoustic noises when the appliance is operating almost empty.

These features are neither known from, nor rendered

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
	obvious by, the other prior art documents.
	The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of
	the present application, is considered to involve an
	inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)).
3.	Claims 2 to 12 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also
	comply, as such, with the PCT requirements of novelty
	and inventive step.